Conversion of paddy lands into garden lands.

252. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have caused any nquiry to be made into the causes of conversion of paddy lands into garden lands by the ryots?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Does it occur to Government that this question deserves investigation by them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, they have done it in respect of Kandukrishi lands.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): I am not concerned with that. The answer is in the negative. Did it occur to Government that it is necessary to investigate the causes of people converting paddy lands into garden lands?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was no occasion for it.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Do the Government consider that it is necessary to investigate the causes?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is necessary; it is a very important question.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Are they likely to conduct an enquiry?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government will consider that.

Measures to prevent Strikes and Lock-outs.

253. **MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware of the labour strikes in some of the factories at Quilon and Alleppey during 1928-29?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state whether they are taking any steps to provide the necessary machinery for dealing with labour disputes, before such disputes result in strikes and lock-outs?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

Opening of certain roads in North Travancore.

254. **MR. A. G. MENON** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the action they have taken or propose to take in respect of the following works:—

(*a*) the conversion of the Airur-Turuttipuram village road (Puttenvelikara village road);

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